

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Good  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 34. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

|             | Absolute Rating | Improvement Rating |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>2001</b> | Good            | Excellent          |
| <b>2002</b> |                 |                    |
| <b>2003</b> |                 |                    |
| <b>2004</b> |                 |                    |

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

|                         | Our School |      |      | Schools With Students Like Ours |      |      |
|-------------------------|------------|------|------|---------------------------------|------|------|
|                         | 1999       | 2000 | 2001 | 1999                            | 2000 | 2001 |
| • Passed all 3 subtests | 65.5       | 69.9 | 73.3 | 67.1                            | 70.2 | 73.4 |
| • Passed 2 subtests     | 21.4       | 16.7 | 17.9 | 17.5                            | 16.4 | 15.4 |
| • Passed 1 subtest      | 10.2       | 8.7  | 5.9  | 9.5                             | 8.9  | 7.4  |
| • Passed no subtests    | 3.0        | 4.7  | 2.9  | 5.9                             | 4.5  | 3.7  |

| ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS            | Our School | Schools With Students Like Ours |
|--|------------|---------------------------------|
| % of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships  | 18.3%      | 22.5%                           |
| % of seniors who met the SAT requirement     | 18.7%      | 24.0%                           |
| % of seniors who met the grade point average | 51.5%      | 55.8%                           |

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

| Seniors                                      |                                       |                                   |                 |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Student Group                                | Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001 | Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships | Graduation Rate |
| <b>All students</b>                          | 93.9%                                 | 18.3%                             | N/A until 2003  |
| Students with disabilities other than speech | 66.7%                                 | 0.0%                              |                 |
| Students without disabilities                | 95.1%                                 | 19.5%                             |                 |
| <b>Gender</b>                                |                                       |                                   |                 |
| Male   | 92.0%                                 | 16.7%                             |                 |
| Female                                       | 95.7%                                 | 20.2%                             |                 |
| <b>Ethnic Group</b>                          |                                       |                                   |                 |
| African American                             | 90.3%                                 | 8.2%                              |                 |
| Hispanic                                     | 100.0%                                | 0.0%                              |                 |
| White  | 94.8%                                 | 52.1%                             |                 |
| Other  | N/A                                   | 100.0%                            |                 |
| <b>Lunch Status</b>                          |                                       |                                   |                 |
| Free/reduced-price lunch                     | 96.9%                                 | 5.6%                              |                 |
| Pay for lunch                                | 93.4%                                 | 22.1%                             |                 |

### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Mastering core competencies | 72.0% |
| Completers placed           | 96.2% |
| Eligible students enrolled  | 75.0% |

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

|  | Our School | Change from Last Year | Schools with Students Like Ours | Median High School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>SCHOOL</b>  |            |                       |                                 |                    |
| • Dollars spent per student  | \$5,690    | N/A                   | \$5,711                         | \$5,668            |
| • Prime instructional time   | 89.9%      | Down from 90.6%       | 90.2%                           | 90.1%              |
| • Student-teacher ratio  | 26.4 to 1  | N/A                   | 26.2 to 1                       | 25.1 to 1          |
| <b>STUDENTS (n=1,321)</b>  |            |                       |                                 |                    |
| • Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio | 24.4%      | N/A                   | 52.8%                           | 40.0%              |
| • Attendance rate  | 94.4%      | Down from 95.3%       | 95.2%                           | 95.3%              |
| • Retention rate   | 10.2%      | Up from 7.3%          | 9.5%                            | 10.0%              |
| <b>TEACHERS (n=93)</b>   |            |                       |                                 |                    |
| • Professional Development days per teacher                          | 7.3 Days   | Up from 7.2           | 7.5 Days                        | 7.5 Days           |
| • Attendance rate  | 96.5%      | No change             | 95.9%                           | 95.7%              |
| • Teachers with advanced degrees                                     | 53.8%      | Down from 55.8%       | 51.3%                           | 49.4%              |
| • Continuing contract teachers                                       | 80.6%      | Up from 80.2%         | 83.9%                           | 81.0%              |
| • Teachers with out-of-field permits                                 | 0.0%       | Down from 1.2%        | 3.6%                            | 3.0%               |
| • Teachers returning from the previous school year                   | 86.9%      | Down from 87.5%       | 86.3%                           | 85.2%              |
| • Average teacher salary   | \$40,678   | Up 3.8%               | \$38,979                        | \$38,125           |

### SCHOOL FACTS

|   | Our School | Change From Last Year | Schools with Students like ours | Median High School |
|---|------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>SCHOOL</b>   |            |                       |                                 |                    |
| • Dropout rate  | 4.7%       | Up from 2.9%          | 2.9%                            | 2.9%               |
| • Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries      | 58.1%      | N/A                   | 55.8%                           | 56.4%              |
| • Principal's years at the school                           | 1.0        | N/A                   | 3.0                             | 3.0                |
| • Percent of parents attending conferences                  | 15.3%      | N/A                   | 62.5%                           | 60.1%              |
| • Opportunities in the arts                                 | Excellent  | N/A                   | Excellent                       | Excellent          |
| <b>STUDENTS</b>   |            |                       |                                 |                    |
| • Older than usual for grade                                | 7.0%       | Down from 9.7%        | 9.8%                            | 10.1%              |
| • Suspended or expelled                                     | 126        | N/A                   | 27                              | 29                 |
| • Gifted and talented                                       | 0.0%       | Down from 12.8%       | 10.3%                           | 7.4%               |
| • With disabilities other than speech                       | 0.5%       | Down from 8.0%        | 11.2%                           | 10.7%              |
| • Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations | 2.2%       | N/A                   | 3.2%                            | 4.5%               |
| • Enrollment in career and technology center courses        | 991        | N/A                   | 373                             | 350                |
| • Career students participating in work-based experiences   | 16.4%      | N/A                   | 27.3%                           | 23.1%              |



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Another successful year has been completed at Airport High School. Our students continue to show gains both academically and through a variety of community-oriented projects. Specific accomplishments of Airport High School include the following:

The Airport Foundation, comprised of Airport graduates, business leaders and others wishing to promote Airport High School, was established. This past year over \$12,000 was raised by the foundation to fund scholarships and teacher grants.

An English/Language Arts program was designed to provide year long instruction for students who were identified to be "At Risk." The purpose of the program is to provide greater chances of success with the exit exam.

Scholarships in excess of over \$1,200,000 were awarded to our senior class. The Airport Army Junior ROTC unit completed another successful year by capturing the State Championship in Drill competition. Our CAD class continues producing excellent students, one of whom competed on the national level this year. Our SET (student employability training) Diploma program is a model for the state. It focuses on work-based learning. It also features collaboration between special education and vocational teachers.

Our automotive technology program meets the industry standard and is ASE certified, and our collision repair program features a Legends race car which is used as a teaching tool across the curriculum to provide opportunities for math, science, and automotive technology teaching.

We continue to strive to meet the academic challenges of high schools by providing tutorial assistance to those in need. Two specific computer labs, for writing and mathematics, accomplish this.

Airport High School is currently undergoing a 7.5 million dollar expansion to include a new athletic center and a performing arts center. The performing arts center will be a centerpiece for community activities.

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

| Percent  | Teachers | Students | Parents       |
|--|----------|----------|---------------|
| Satisfied with learning environment            | 62.7     | 56.2     | (Avail. 2002) |
| Satisfied with social and physical environment | 69.2     | 65.5     |               |
| Satisfied with home-school relations           | 33.3     | 75.2     |               |

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Airport High  
1315 Boston Avenue  
West Columbia, SC 29170

**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 1,321 Students

### Principal

Mr. Gayle Gulick 803-822-5600

### Superintendent

Barry Bolen 803-739-8399

### Board Chair

Jan H. Stamps 803-794-0223



## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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